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SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 17 SCIENCE COMMITTEE (SC) CHAIRMAN, ASYG OZDAS, CONVENED USUAL PRE-SC MEETING SESSION AT NATO OF ALLIED DELEGATION OFFICERS CONCERNED, TO GO OVER AGENDA FOR FORTHCOMING SC MEETING, FEB 6-7, 1975 (REFTEL). FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION, KEYED TO AGENDA, WITH MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

1. I. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN - OZDAS PLANS DRAW ATTENTION TO ANNUAL SC REVIEW OF WORK OF SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS AS MAJOR TASK AT THIS MEETING. OZDAS WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE COPY OF RECENT ARTICLE BY EPA ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL TRAIN ON CCMS (SEE USNATO 185) IN CONNECTION WITH BRIEFING OZDAS CUSTOMARILY PROVIDES SC MEMBERS ON ACTIVITIES OF CCMS, WHICH HE ALSO HEADS (AS ACTING CHAIRMAN).

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II. ANNUAL REPORT ON DEFENCE RESEARCH GROUP ACTIVITIES (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/546) - GENERAL P. NASLIN, HEAD OF NATO'S DEFENCE RESEARCH SECTION, WILL PROVIDE BRIEFING FOR INFO OF SC. THIS IS

ANNUAL PRESENTATION ON PART OF DEFENCE RESEARCH GROUP (ORIGINALLY CREATED AND LATER SPUN OFF BY SC), WHICH IN TURN RECEIVES SIMILAR ANNUAL BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES OF NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM.

III. ANNUAL REVIEW OF SPECIAL PROGRAMME PANELS (DOCUMENT ASG.SEA (74)266) - CHAIRMEN OF ALL BUT ONE OF APNESL WILL BE PRESENT TO OFFER ORAL REPORTS ON RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS (SEE REF DOCUMENT). MARINE SCIENCE PANEL CHAIRMAN SIR GEORGE CEACON (UK) UNABLE ATTEND AND DR. GOLDBERG (US), PANEL CHAIRMAN FOR 195, WILL GIVE PRESENTATION. OZDAS WILL INVITE SC'S ASSESSMENT AND GUIDANCE ON WORK OF PANELS AND ON ALLOCATION OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND RESOURCES FOR PANEL ACTIVITIES FOR BALANCE OF 1975 (SEE ITEM VIII(A), BELOW). AT LAST SC MEETING IN OTTAWA IN SEPTEMBER 1974, VARIOUS SC MEMBERS AGREED TO TAKE PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXAMING ACTIVITY OF INDIVIDUAL PANELS IN ORDER TO LEAD SC'S DISCUSSION OF THEM AT FORTHCOMING MEETING AS FOLLOWS (SEE ITEM (C) FOR U.S. COMMITMENT THIS REPECT):

(A) ECO-SCIENCES (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/561 AND AC/137-D/560)

- NETHERLANDS AND CANADA.

(B) SYSTEMS SCIENCES (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/557 AND AC/137-D/560) - FRG.

(C) MARINE SCIENCES (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/554) - U.S.

(D) HUMAN FACTORS (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/559 AND AC/137-D/560) - BELGIUM AND UK.

(E) AIR SEA INTERACTION (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/562) - FRANCE.

(F) RADIOMETEOROLOGY - NORWAY (NO REF DOCUMENT IN THIS CASE AS PANEL HAD NOT MET SINCE LAST SC MEETING; IT WILL MEET AT END OF THIS MONTH).

(G) STRESS-CORROSION CRACKING (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/556) - DENMARK.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS ADMINISTRATORS (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/553) - DOCUMENT IS DETAILED STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN ON 1972 NATO SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, MOST RECENT YEAR ON WHICH COMPLETE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR INFORMATION OF SC. SC SHOULD NOTE REPORT, WHICH SHOULD POSE NO RPT NO PROBLEMS AND IS NOT INTENDED TO GENERATE EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME.

V. ADVISORY PANEL ON ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTE PROGRAM (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/558) AND VI. ADVISORY PANEL ON RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/555) THESE ARE ROUTINE REPORTS OF LAST MEETINGS OF THESE TWO PANELS, WITH CURRENT LISTS OF THEIR GRANTS. SC SHOULD NOTE REPORTS.

VII. STANDING GROUP ON THE SENIOR SCIENTISTS PROGRAM (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/564) - THIS IS LIST OF 1974 AWARDS FOR INFO OF SC, WHICH SHOULD NOTE REPORT. REPORT ALSO DRAWS ATTENTION TO CONTINUED COOPERATION

BETWEEN NATO SCIENCE DIVISION AND THE HEINEMANN FOUNDATION (IN FRG) ON FUNDING OF A FEW ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS.

VIII. FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

(A) APPORTIONMENT OF 1975 CREDITS FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND. SCIENCE DIVISION PLANS MAKENO PROPOSALS ON ITS OWN UNDER THIS ITEM. FOLLOWING THE ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY PANEL CHAIRMEN AND RELATED SC DISCUSSION ON THURSDAY (ITEM III, ABOVE), OZDAS PLANS ASK 2-3 SC MEMBERS TO MEET PRIVATELY TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPORTIONMENT OF 1975 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND CREDITS, FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY SC DURING FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

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(B) ALLOCATION OF 1975 CREDITS (DOCUMENT AC/137-D/563) - SC HAD EARLIER ALLOCATED ANTICIPATED SCIENCE PROGRAM FUNDS FOR 1975 ON BASIS OF 299 MILLION BF TOTAL IT ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IN NATO CIVIL BUDGET; INASMUCH AS CREDITS FINALLY APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR 1975 SCIENCE PROGRAM TOTAL ONLY 273 MILLION BF, SCIENCE DIVISION SEEKS SC APPROVAL OF REVISED PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPRTIONALLY REDUCED IN LIGHT OF LOWER OVERALL FIGURE APPROVED BY COUNCIL. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY PRO FORMA ACTION FOR SC.

IX. PROPOSED SC PROJECT ON RATIONAL USE OF POTENTIALLY SCARCE METALS (DOCUMENT ASG.SEA(74)240) - PROJECT, TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 1975, WOULD EMBRACE:

(A) COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF DATA ON
END USES OF SELECTED METALS LIKELY TO
BE IN CRITICAL SUPPLY WITHIN 25 YEARS:
(B) DIVISION OF THESE INTO DISSIPATIVE AND
NON-DISSIPATIVE USES; AND
(C) DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIMITING
EXTENT OF DISSIPATIVE USES.
DEPUTY ASYG KOVACH POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED PROJECT
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WOULD DIFFER FROM CUSTOMARY ONE-WEEK SC CONFERENCES
IN THAT IT ENVISAGES AN EXTENDED WORK PROGRAM THROUGH
MOST OF 1975, BRINGING TOGETHER GROUPS ON A MORE
SUSTAINED BASIS TO REVIEW DATA AND PREPARE RECOMMEN-
DATIONS. PROJECT PROPOSAL (ASG.SEA(74)240) AND
EARLIER REPORT OF ADHOC GROUP ON SUBJECT (ASG.SEA(74)155)
DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN THIS PROPOSED VERY SPECIFIC
APPROACH TO PROBLEM BY SC AND THE MORE ALL-ENCOMPASSING
INVESTIGATIONS UNDER WAY OR PLANNED IN OTHER FORA;
IN PARTICULAR, AD HOC GROUP BELIEVES WHOLE QUESTION
OF DISSIPATIVE USE OF MATERIALS IS NEGLECTED ELSEWHERE.
ADHOC GROUP HAS WORKED ENERGETICALLY THUS FAR ON
ITS OWN, BUT NOW ASKS SC TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GIVE
ITS ACTIVITY A FORMAL-AND ADEQUATELY FUNDED -STATUS,
ENABLING IT TO COMPLETE PROPOSED PROJECT IN CURRENT
YEAR. FUNDS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR PURPOSE
WOULD TOTAL 1,200,000 BF, TO COME FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE
IN SC'S 1975 PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT FUND. MISSION
RECOMMENDS U.S. SUPPORT SC APPROVAL.

X. SCIENCE COMMITTEE CONFERENCES PROGRAM

(A) SC WILL RECEIVE BRIEF ORAL REPORT ON
PROCEEDINGS OF RECENT SC-SPONSORED CONFERENCE
ON BENTHIC BOUNDARY LAYER (BB). FULL
REPORT OF BBL CONFERENCE, HIGHLIGHTING EMERGING
ASPECTS OF DEEP SEA BOTTOM SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH WHICH WARRANT INCREASED PRIORITY
AT THIS STAGE, IS STILL IN PREPARATION,
AND SCIENCE DIVISION IS EXPLORING ITS
POSSIBLE PUBLICATION BY COMMERCIAL FIRM
IN ORDER TO GAIN WIDER CIRCULATION AT NO
COST TO NATO.

(B) FUTURE CONFERENCES - SCIENCE DIVISION HAS
IDENTIFIED TWO POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR
SUBSEQUENT SC CONFERENCES. ON 5 FEB
AD HOC GROUP OF LEADING SCIENTISTS WILL
MEET AT NATO TO DEVELOP CONFERENCE
PROPOSAL ON THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE,
FOR SC CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AT
FORTHCOMING MEETING. U.S. MEMBER OF
GROUP WILL BE DR. FRED MORSE OF UNIVERSITY
OF MARYLAND. ON 23 JANUARY, SIMILAR
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GROUP, INCLUDING PROFESSOR COTE OF U.S. FORESTRY LABORATORY AT SUNY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, WILL MEET AT NATO TO DEVELOP CONFERENCE PROPOSAL ON ANATOMY, ULTRA-STRUCTURE AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF WOOD. BOTH GROUPS UNABLE MEET SOONER; IF PROPOSALS DEVELOP AS EXPECTED, THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ONLY AT TIME OF FEBRUARY 6-7 SC MEETING. WHEN SC APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT IN ORDER BEGIN NECESSARY CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS EARLIEST. MISSION COMMENT: DETAILS AND ACTUAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH CONFERENCES OF COURSE STILL UNDETERMINED, BUT MISSION WILL SEEK OBTAIN THIS INFOR FOR DEPARTMENT REVIEW AS SOON AS RESPECTIVE AD HOC GROUPS HAVE MET. END COMMENT.

2. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AC/137-D/550, 558, 559, 569 AND 562 (ABOVE) ARE STILL IN TRANSLATION AT NATO BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. REPS TO THE SC MEETING AT NATO FEBRUARY 6-7 WILL BE DR. NIERENBERG AND MR. SIEVERING. PLEASE CONFIRM AND PROVIDE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFO AND HOTEL NEEDS. FOR THEIR INFORMATION OZDAS WILL GIVE HIS USUAL RECEPTION FOR SC MEETING PARTICIPANTS AND OTHERS ON THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 7 AT 7:00P.M. AT VAL DUCHESSE, 259 BLVD. DU SOUVERAIN. BRUCE

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